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**ABSTRACT**

10           D-Ribose is administered before and after general anaesthesia to reduce  
the time to recover from the effects of general anaesthesia. Preferably, pyrogen-  
free D-Ribose is administered intravenously during general anaesthesia and the  
interval post-anaesthesia before oral administration can be resumed. D-Glucose  
may be co-administered to reduce the effect of hypoglycemia that may be seen  
15   with D-Ribose administration.